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- 1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PETROGAS HAS APPLIED TO PETRONAS (NATIONAL PETROLEUM CO.) FOR APPROVAL OF PROJECT. GENMGR, NEGRI SEMBILAN STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INFORMS EMBASSY THAT PETROGAS STILL TRYING OBTAIN LOANS FROM MIDDLE-EAST AND LOCAL SOURCES. ALL EFFORTS RAISE CAPITAL UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR.
- 2. AS REPORTED KUALA LUMPUR 2324 PETRONAS CHAIRMAN RAZALEIGH HAS ANNOUNCED PREPARATION OF MASTER PLAN FOR PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR TO SIX MONTHS. PLAN REPORTEDLY INCLUDES THREE ADDITIONAL REFINERIES: ONE AT LUMUT (CALTEX PROPOSAL); ONE ON EAST COAST PENINSULAR MALAYSIA; AND THIRD IN EITHER SABAH OR SARAWAK. PETROGAS COMPLEX REPORTEDLY IS NOT INCLUDED.
- 3. FYI ONLY. FLUOR EASTERN INC IS U.S. FIRM BEING CONSIDERED BY PETROGAS FOR ENGINEERING CONTRACT. (PLEASE DO NOT IDENTIFY FLUOR TO POSSIBLE COMPETITORS). PROCON INC. AND LUMMUS CO. FAR EAST LTD HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH EMBASSY. UNDERHILL

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